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Amendments To Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A computer-implemented method for collecting product data to facilitate at least one of searching, viewing and purchasing of products at a single shopping website, comprising:
 - retrieving, by a host computer, product data from a plurality of websites associated with providers, wherein said providers include a plurality of at least one of affiliated and non-affiliated providers, wherein said product data is to be provided to a user;
 - creating a normalized data feed from said product data;
 - determining a source of said normalized data feed ~~product data~~, wherein said source is at least one of said providers and suppliers;
 - ~~associating a key with said product data, when said product data is associated with one of said suppliers and no key is associated with said product data;~~
 - ~~adding said key to a merchant record;~~
 - ~~parsing said product data according to data types to determine by said host computer, whether a first portion of said product data associated with at least one of said data types may be added to stored product data based on at least one of said data types;~~
 - parsing said normalized data feed into categorized data elements to determine when a category exists in a product table which corresponds to a categorized data element, wherein said categorized data element is added to a buffer table when said category does not exist and said categorized data element is integrated with stored product data within said product table when said category exists to create integrated data; and
 - ~~integrating, by said host computer, said with said stored product data within a database to create integrated data; and,~~
 - providing said integrated data to a said user such that said user may utilize a single shopping website to search for, compare prices and order said products, wherein said products are associated with said product data from a plurality of said websites, wherein each of said websites may be associated with a different provider.

Claim 2 (cancelled).

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3. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 2, wherein ~~determining whether said first portion may be added to said stored product data~~ said parsing comprises matching product producer names and product producer product identifiers from said categorized data elements ~~first portion~~ to product producer names and product producer product identifiers from said stored product data.

4. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1 2, wherein ~~determining whether said first portion may be added to said stored product data~~ said parsing comprises matching product SKUs from said categorized data elements ~~first portion~~ to product SKUs in said stored product data.

Claim 5 (cancelled).

6. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein said providers comprise at least one of merchants and canonical suppliers.

7. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising indexing said stored product data and forwarding said indexed stored product data to at least one searchable database.

8. (original) The method of claim 7, wherein said at least one searchable database has at least one mirrored database.

9. (original) The method of claim 7, wherein said indexed stored product data comprises index meta-data and indexed data.

10. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein said at least one searchable database is load balanced with at least one mirrored database.

11. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising updating at least one priced products database with said stored product data.

12. (original) The method of claim 1 further comprising examining said buffer and determining that at least one entry in said buffer contains product data which may be entered with said stored product data.

13. (original) The method of claim 12, further comprising categorizing said at least one entry.

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14. (previously presented) A computer readable medium containing at least one component for performing the method of any of claims 1-13.
15. (previously presented) A computer implemented system comprising at least operative to perform the method of any of claims 1-13.
16. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising
parsing said product data according to data types to determine, by said host computer, whether a second portion of said product data may not be added to said stored product data within said database; and
adding said second portion to a buffer.
17. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein one of said data types includes at least one of product description, price, merchant information, manufacturer information, and image.